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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)
	10/063,476	JAMISON ET AL.
	Examiner Tri M. Mai	Art Unit 3727

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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-10 and 12-23 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1-10 and 12-23 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____. |
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Paper No(s)/Mail Date ____. | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
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DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 1-10, and 12-23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Barker (2011703) in view of Roccaforte(5503328). Barker teaches a multiple use box with a plurality of sides connected to each other having four top flaps B', C', D', E' each extends from one side to another as shown in Fig. 5. Barker meets all claimed limitations except for tear strip on each top flaps. Roccaforte teaches that it is known in the art provide a tear strip for opening the box. It would have been obvious for one of ordinary skill in the art to provide a tear strip for each flap in Barker as taught by Roccaforte to open the box easily.

Regarding claims 3, 5, it would have been obvious for one of ordinary skill in the art to provide a square box to provide the desired shape for the container.

Regarding claims 16 and 21, Barker teaches the attaching of one top flap to another top flap. Barker meets all claimed limitations except for tear strip on each top flaps. Rasmussen teaches that it is known in the art provide a tear strip for opening the box. It would have been obvious for one of ordinary skill in the art to provide a tear strip for each flaps in Barker as taught by Rasmussen to open the box easily.

Regarding claim 6, note that Roccaforte teaches the use of double sided tape (col. 8., ln. 60).

Response to Arguments

2. Applicant's arguments with respect to the claims have been considered but they are moot in view of the new rejections.

Please note the allowability of claims 5, 21-23 has been withdrawn in view of the new found reference of Barker.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Tri M. Mai whose telephone number is (703)308-1038. The examiner can normally be reached on 7:30am-5:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Lee W Young can be reached on (703)308-2572. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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